

**REMARKS**

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2006.

**Response to Restriction**

The Examiner requires restriction of the following:

Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to linking of method for preparation of evolved microorganisms; Group II, Claim 15, drawn to a microorganism; Group III, Claims 16-17, drawn to a method of preparation of a protein; Group IV, claims 18-19, drawn to a gene; Group V, Claims 20-21, drawn to a protein.

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1 through 14, drawn to linking of method for preparation of evolved microorganisms, for further examination without traverse.

**CONCLUSION**

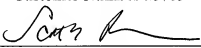
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 04-1420 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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